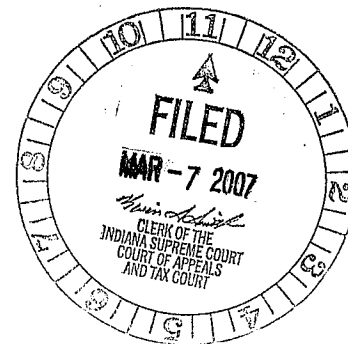


In the
Indiana Supreme Court



IN THE MATTER OF THE)
) Case No. 42S00-0703MS-93
APPROVAL OF LOCAL RULES)
)
FOR KNOX COUNTY)

ORDER APPROVING AMENDED LOCAL RULE

The judges of the Knox Circuit and Superior Courts request the approval of an amended local rule for caseload allocation in accordance with Ind. Administrative Rule 1(E). Attached to this Order is the proposed amended local rule

Upon examination of the proposed rule amendment requested by the Knox Circuit and Superior Courts, this Court finds that the proposed rule amendment, Local Rule LR42-AR00-3.4, complies with the requirements of Ind. Administrative Rule 1(E), and, accordingly, should be approved effective thirty (30) days after the rule has been posted in the county clerk's office(s) and on the county clerk's website, if any, and on the Indiana Judicial Website.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that Local Rule LR42-AR00-3.4 for Knox County Courts, set forth as an attachment to this Order, is approved effective thirty (30) days after the rule has been posted in the county clerk's office(s) and on the county clerk's website, if any, and on the Indiana Judicial Website.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a copy of this Order to the Hon. Sherry Biddinger Gregg, 111 North Seventh Street, Vincennes, IN 47591-2022; the Hon. W. Timothy Crowley, 111 North Seventh Street, 2nd Floor, Vincennes, IN 47591; the Hon. Jim R. Osborne, 620 Busseron Street, Vincennes, IN 47591-2032, and to the Clerk of the Knox Circuit Court.

The Clerk of the Knox Circuit Court is directed to enter this Order and attachment in the Record of Judgments and Orders for the Courts, to post this Order and attachment for examination by the Bar and the general public, and if available, to publish this Order and attachment on the county clerk's website.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 7th day of March, 2007.

FOR THE COURT

RT Shepard
Randall T. Shepard
Chief Justice of Indiana

LR42-AR00-3.4

LOCAL RULE CONCERNING CASELOAD ALLOCATION PLAN

This rule is adopted pursuant to the inherent powers of these Courts and in order to comply with the provisions of Administrative Rule 1(E) enacted by the Indiana Supreme Court on January 1, 2006. This rule governs the assignment of cases in the three Knox County Courts as follows:

1. On or before April 1 of each year, the Judges of the Knox County Courts shall meet to review the Weighted Caseload Measures statistics as calculated by the Division of State Court Administration from the preceding calendar year. The utilization percentage between the Courts shall be re-evaluated yearly to assess what actual disparities may exist. In the event the utilization percentages of the Courts are within forty percentage points (40%) of each other, it shall be presumed that no action is necessary to reduce the disparity. If the utilization percentage between the Courts differs by more than forty percentage points (40%) in a calendar year, it shall be presumed that the disparity must be reduced.
2. Should action be required to reduce a disparity in caseload, the Judges may agree to accomplish the reduction in any reasonable manner.
3. Effective April 1, 2007, the Knox Superior Court II shall no longer accept "PL" (civil plenary), "MF" (mortgage foreclosures), and "CT" (civil tort) filings. Instead, these cases shall be filed in the Knox Circuit Court or in the Knox Superior Court 1.
4. Eviction cases shall continue to be filed in the Knox Superior Court II, but, effective immediately, eviction cases shall be filed as a "CC" (civil collection) filing rather than as an "MI" (miscellaneous) filing. First Quarter 2007 eviction cases previously filed in the Knox Superior Court II under an "MI" cause number shall be re-docketed

as a "CC" filing for purposes of the QCRS Reports due April 10, 2007.

The Judges of the Knox Circuit Court, the Knox Superior Court 1, and the Knox Superior Court II, pursuant to Trial Rule 81(D), now find that good cause exists to deviate from the schedule established by the Division of State Court Administration for the publishing of local rules and find that the foregoing rule shall be adopted as a local court rule in compliance with the provisions of Trial Rule 81(A). After approval by the Division of State Court Administration, the posting for 30 days in the Knox County Clerk's Office and on the Knox County Clerk's website, and on the Indiana Judicial website, Knox County Local Rule #LR41-AR00-3.4, as set forth above, shall become effective April 1, 2007.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2007.

Sherry L. Biddinger Gregg
Judge, Knox Circuit Court

W. Timothy Crowley
Judge, Knox Superior Court 1

Jim R. Osborne
Knox Superior Court II

IN THE INDIANA SUPREME COURT

In the Matter of a Caseload Allocation Plan for Knox County

PROPOSED KNOX COUNTY CASELOAD ALLOCATION PLAN

February 26, 2007

In conformance with the Order of the Indiana Supreme Court of December 21, 2006, in cause number 42S00-0612-MS-531, the Judges of the Knox County Courts submit their proposed Knox County Caseload Allocation Plan as follows:

1. On or before April 1 of each year, the Judges of the Knox County Courts shall meet to review the Weighted Caseload Measures statistics as calculated by the Division of State Court Administration from the preceding calendar year.

The utilization percentage between the Courts shall be re-evaluated yearly to assess what actual disparities may exist. In the event the utilization percentages of the Courts are within forty percentage points (40%) of each other, it shall be presumed that no action is necessary to reduce the disparity. If the utilization percentage between the Courts differs by more than forty percentage points (40%) in a calendar year, it shall be presumed that the disparity must be reduced.

2. Should action be required to reduce a disparity in caseload, the Judges may agree to accomplish the reduction in any reasonable manner.

3. Effective April 1, 2007, the Knox Superior Court II shall no longer accept "PL" (civil plenary), "MF" (mortgage foreclosures), and "CT" (civil tort) filings. Instead, these cases shall be filed in the Knox Circuit Court or in the Knox Superior Court 1.

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5. That a new Local Rule has been prepared to reflect these changes and is being sent to the Division of State Court Administration for approval. The Judges of the Knox County Courts believe that the caseload allocation adjustments set forth above will bring Knox County into compliance with the requirements of Administrative Rule 1(E) and seek approval of this plan.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2007.

Sherry L. Biddinger Gregg
Judge, Knox Circuit Court

W. Timothy Crowley
Judge, Knox Superior Court 1

Jim R. Osborne
Knox Superior Court II